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Amendments to the Specification:

On page 7 of the above-referenced patent application (as-filed), please amend the first two paragraphs as follows:

At the opening 113, the bevels define a first curved bearing zone. The the radius of curvature of the bevels is small, it being simply to guide the strand of string when it is put in place.

At the string outlet 115, the bevel 111'' defines a second curved bearing zone 120 having a different radius of curvature than the first curved bearing zone, connected for preference without change of slope on the one hand with the string passageway zone 112 and on the other hand with the circular peripheral zone formed jointly by the three bevels. This curved bearing zone 120 supports the strand of string during cutting, in particular when, when the cutting head rotates, it encounters obstacles resisting cutting and causing it to give way (the direction of rotation of the cutting head being given by the arrow F). It is important to note here, according to one aspect of the invention, that, due to the lateral offset of the string passageway 112 in relation to the centre C of the part 110, that is in relation to the axis of rotation of the cutting head, it is possible to give the curved bearing zone 120 a radius of curvature which is much greater than that which could be achieved, as in the prior art, with a string passageway extending geometrically from the centre C.